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SUBJ: UNCTAD TDB: SUB-GROUPS BEGIN WORK ON UNCTAD IV AGENDA ITEMS

1. SUMMARY. THREE SUB-GROUPS OF PRESIDENT'S CONTACT GROUP WERE ESTABLISHED MORNING OF MAR 9 AND BEGAN WORK AT RATHER LEISURELY PACE. FIRST CONTACT GROUP WILL HANDLE COMMODITIES AND TRADE (TDB AGENDA ITEMS 2A, 2B AND 2C1), SECOND WILL HANDLE FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY (ITEMS 2C2, 2D, 2E), AND THIRD WILL HANDLE ALL OTHERS (ITEMS 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, AS WELL AS BRAZILIAN REFORM PROPOSAL-ITEM 3E). FOR REPORT ON FIRST GROUP, SEE SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY. AT INTIAL GROUP B MEETING, ON ITEMS 2C, 2D, 2E POINT WAS MADE THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT DOES NOT EXPECT MAJOR DECISIONS AT TDB, BUT SECRETARIAT SUGGESTED TIME COULD BE USEFULLY SPENT HERE ON CLARIFICATION OF MANILA DECLARATION AND G-77 VIEWS IN PREPARATION FOR UNCTAD IV. COORDINATORS FOR GROUP B SUBGROUP 2 ARE BLANC (FINANCE)

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AND TANIGUCHI (TECHNOLOGY).

3. OPENING MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP 2 UNEVENTFUL.  
SWEDISH AMBASSADOR LAGERFELD OR TSCHERNING OF SWEDISH DELEGATION  
CHAIRS MEETINGS. THE MANILA DECLARATION IS THE DOCUMENT FOR  
DISCUSSION. OPENING G-77  
STATEMENT ON FINANCE CALLED FOR DISCUSSION POINT-BY-POINT  
OF DECLARATION SECTION IV. ON TECHNOLOGY G-77 SPOKESMAN  
(ALENCAR OF BRAZIL) MADE ELOQUENT PRESENTATION. DIVIDING  
SUBJECT INTO THREE AREAS (1) ACTION TO STRENGTHEN THE  
TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, (2) DECISION  
OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND (3) ACTION BY UNCTAD ON REVISION  
OF INTERNATIONAL PATENT SYSTEM, STATED ITEM (1) IS  
OLD G-77 DESIRE TO EXPAND TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL  
CAPACITY OF UNCTAD AND CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
FOR STRENGTHENING TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.  
HE THOUGHT PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE AT NAIROBI ON THIS POINT. ON CODE OF CONDUCT HE  
STATED PROGRESS DIFFICULT WITHOUT MAJOR DECISION ON LEGAL  
NATURE OF CODE AND GROUP B-G-77 DIFFERENCE WOULD NOT BE  
NARROWED IF DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED AT A BROAD LEVEL, I.E.,  
BINDING OR NON-BINDING CODE. HE CALLED FOR INTENSIVE  
STUDY TO DEVELOP NEW LEGAL FORMATS BETWEEN NOW AND  
NAIROBI--GIVE CREATIVE THOUGHT TO WHAT KIND OF LEGAL  
INSTRUMENT COULD BE NEGOTIATED AT NAIROBI THAT WOULD  
SATISFY OBJECTIONS OF G-77. FINALLY ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY  
(1) G-77 SPOKESMAN STATED BASIC G-77 PRINCIPLES CONTAINED  
TD/B/593 SOME OF WHICH ALREADY ACCEPTED. THIS FORMS BASIS  
FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATION. SPOKESMAN ACKNOWLEDGED  
UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION IN REVISION PROCESS (PARA 19 MANILA  
DECLARATION) AND STATED G-77 TWO DESIRES AT NAIROBI ARE  
(1) TO GO FURTHER IN DC ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLES CONTAINED  
TD/B/593 AND (2) INSURE THAT UNCTAD CONTINUES TO PLAY  
ROLE IN REVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PATENT SYSTEM. NO SPECIFIC  
MENTION WAS MADE OF UNCTAD ROLE ADDITIONAL TO WHAT  
ALREADY BEING PERFORMED BY IT.

4. SUBGROUP 3 BEGAN DISCUSSION OF ITEM 2G (COOPERATION  
AMONG LDCS) WITH GENERAL COMMENTS BY ALL GROUPS. GROUP  
B SPOKESMAN (WEGENER OF GERMANY) ANNOUNCED GROUP'S  
GENERALLY POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD INTRA-LDC CO-LIMITED  
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OPERATION, ALTHOUGH NOTING THAT WE TAKE "COLLECTIVE  
SELF-RELIANCE" TO MEAN ACTIONS WHICH MAKE SENSE FROM  
DEVELOPMENTAL POINT OF VIEW AND DO NOT REPEAT ERECT  
ADDITIONAL BARRIERS AMONG NATIONS. BOTH GROUP B AND D  
THEN REQUESTED "CLARIFICATIONS" OF VARIOUS POINTS IN  
MANILA DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION.

5. IN SHORT CONVERSATION WITH BRAZILIAN AMB. MACIEL,

WE WERE TOLD THAT BRAZILIAN TRADE REFORM PROPOSAL  
(ITEM 3E) WOULD PROBABLY NOT REPEAT NOT COME UP DURING  
TDB. DALE

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